

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee of Connecticut General Assembly,

My name is Genesis Guerrero, and I am a high school student at H.C. Wilcox Technical High School and a child of immigrant parents. I stand in support of HB 6616: An Act Concerning Expansion Of Husky Health Benefits To Those Ineligible Due To Immigration Status.

Supporting the expansion of HUSKY for all immigrants regardless of immigration status is important to me because my parents lived most of their time in the United States without access to health insurance. Many students from my school face similar experiences. We constantly find ourselves sharing the current health issues that many of their family members are facing but can't seek medical attention due to financial and medical service limitations due to their immigration status.

Students should not have to go to school worrying about the health of their parents and loved ones but the States current laws are putting their well being last. I truly believe that providing HUSKY for all would be beneficial to so many immigrants and their loved ones as they already do not have access to a variety of helpful resources as citizens do. Everyday we see immigrant families struggling to afford medical services due to the high out of pocket expenses.

Every kid deserves to watch their parents and family age with grace and dignity. I strongly support HB 6616 and I urge the committee to support and pass this legislation.

Thank you for your time,

Laura Sotomayor